Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gabriel John Raba was born to Andrew and Theresa Raba on the family homestead at Selby, South Dakota, on July 19, 1911; and,

Whereas, Gabriel has spent his entire life as a farmer/rancher on the prairies of South Dakota after serving several years during the 1930s in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, Gabriel married Emma M. Mueller at Piedmont, South Dakota, on May 24, 1941, and to this union they were blessed with 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Gabriel resides at New Underwood, South Dakota, and will observe his 100th birthday; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2011, as

GABRIEL RABA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State